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Richmond Heritage Commission

Minutes of meeting held Friday September 19, 2014 at Weekes home

Attending: Hank Hallas (acting Sec'y), Sandy Laughner, Susan Marsden, Bob Weekes and Carol Jameson

Member of public: Jan Weekes, Susan Roney, John Boccalini and Lynn Adams

The meeting convened at 3:15 pm at the Weekes barn.

The minutes from the prior two meetings were approved after a motion was made and seconded.

Hank Hallas reviewed the “big picture” version of the status of work on the Heritage Inventory focusing on changes made from the first draft to the second draft.

Hank also briefly reviewed the “Potential Project List” he had been encouraged to distill from the Inventory .

Upon Carol’s arrival Bob Weekes presented a power point presentation of his thoughts on the Heritage Commission’s mission and vision as he originally foresaw it when he proposed it to the Select Board a year ago. Central to his argument was his belief that the Commission give highest priority to the town’s most significant and public historic sites, viewing their community presentation (or elements lacking in their presentation) just as important as their ongoing, or not ongoing, preservation. This power point has been given to other community leaders with whom Bob has been discussing these issues for the past year. It was presented to the Heritage Commission by Bob as an independent advocate, hoping Commission members would find it to be of value as they begin the Commission’s deliberations on next steps.

A general discussion was held regarding the need for cooperation and inclusion of other town committees in RHC work since a great deal of overlap is likely to exist in tasks associated with projects we undertake.

Discussion then turned to new information that had come to light about Richmond watering troughs, both at the Town Hall and in the so-called “Town Common” at Richmond 4 Corners. Lynn Adams then informed

attendees that she had found what she believed was the original Town Well water pump which had been in her father's (Joe Davis's) possession. Lynn brought the hand pump to the meeting (in her car) and gave it to the Heritage Commission to be part of the restoration of this historic site. Needless to say, the Commission was not only surprised but also extremely grateful. Lynn is continuing to assist us in researching its history.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th at Carol Jameson's house at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Hank Hallas, acting Secretary